



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 9, 2016**



The meeting of May 9, 2016 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, 1055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present: Pamela Bright-Moon  
Betty Haagen  
Eric Hanks  
Helen Hernandez  
Peter Lesnik  
Claudia Margolis  
Kathryn McDonnell  
Alis Clausen Odenthal  
Claire Peeps  
Norma Provencio Pichardo  
David Valdez  
Hope Warschaw

Absent: Constance Jolcuvar (excused)  
Bettina Korek (excused)  
Rosalind Wyman (excused)

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director  
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant  
Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development  
Rosalyn Escobar, Grants Manager

Vice President Bright-Moon called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

*Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, the excused absences for the meeting of May 9, 2016 were unanimously approved.*

Approval of Minutes

*On a motion made by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Peeps, the minutes for the meeting of April 25, 2016 were unanimously approved.*

Correspondence

Commissioner Haagen circulated seven thank you letters from Community Impact Arts recipients thanking the LA County Board of Supervisors for the 2016-17 grant awarded.

President's Items

Vice President Bright-Moon reported the first two Town Halls on the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative took place on May 2, 2016 and May 7, 2016. Commissioner McDonnell participated in the Town Hall at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center and Commissioners Hernandez and Valdez participated at the Town Hall at the South Gate Auditorium. Supervisor Hilda Solis attended the South Gate Town Hall and was joined by field deputies Elizabeth Alcantar and Kimberly Ortega.

Executive Director

Laura Zucker reported Arts for LA is hosting two candidate forums for Los Angeles County Supervisor, one for the Fourth District on May 11, 2016 and another for the Fifth District on May 18, 2016.

Ms. Zucker gave a budget update, distributed copies of the 2016-17 Arts Commission proposed budget ([attached](#)) and updated Commissioners on budget priorities.

Bronwyn Mauldin, Director of Research and Evaluation, presented an online demographic survey which the Arts Commission will distribute to people working in the arts. Commissioners had an opportunity to complete the survey during the meeting on their mobile devices.

Action Items – Adoption of FY 16/17-17/18 Organizational Grant Program Score Cut Offs and adoption of scores

Anji Gaspar Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of the proposed scores and score cut off memo ([attached](#)). Commissioners Bright-Moon and Peeps were reminded they have a conflict of interest for grant category OGP 2.

OGP 1 – Score Cut Off

*A motion was made by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Warschaw, to establish the score cut off at 70 points and above for this category. The motion carried unanimously.*

OGP 1 – Scores

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Peeps, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to raise the score of United States Veterans Alliance from 69.2 to 70 points and approve the remaining scores for this category as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

OGP 2 – Score Cut Off and Scores

*A motion was made by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, to establish the score cut off at 75 points and above for this category and approve the scores for this category as presented. The motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners Lesnik, Clausen Odenthal, Haagen, Hanks, Hernandez, McDonnell, Margolis, Pichardo, Valdez and Warschaw. Abstained: Commissioners Bright-Moon and Peeps*

OGP 3 – Score Cut Off

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, to establish the score cut off at 80 points and above for this category. The motion carried unanimously.*

OGP 3 – Scores

*A motion was made by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Peeps, to raise the score for The Theatre @ Boston Court from 79.6 points to 80 points. The motion carried unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Margolis, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to raise the score for Kidspace Museum from 76.4 points to 80 points and approve the remaining scores for this category as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Haagen, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to raise the score for the Norris Center from 63 points to 80 points. The motion failed. Ayes: Commissioners Haagen and Hernandez. Noes: Commissioners Bright-Moon, Clausen Odenthal, Lesnik, Hanks, Margolis, Peeps, Pichardo, Valdez, and Warschaw. Abstain: Commission McDonnell.*

#### OGP 4 – Score Cut Off and Scores

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to approve the score cut off for this category at 85 points and approve the scores for this category as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### Community Impact Arts Grants (CIAG) FY16-17 Guideline Changes

Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of the memo outlining a proposed grant guideline change for CIAG.

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Peeps, seconded by Commissioner Pichardo, to allow fiscal sponsors to apply on behalf of multiple projects to CIAG. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### 2015-16 Organizational Grant Program Reallocations

Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview for two 2015-16 OGP grant forfeitures totaling \$35,800 and provided three scenarios for how to reallocate the grant funds.

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Peeps, to approve Scenario 3 ([attached](#)) which distributes the available \$35,800 OGP funds to Machine Project, Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural, American Youth Symphony, Pasadena Arts Council, and Friends of Arts Education at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### Commissioner Items

Commissioner Peeps attended the annual conference for Grantmakers for Effective Organizations and noted the topics featured many issues around diversity.

#### Public Comment

None.

*The Arts Commission meeting of May 9, 2016 was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and unanimously approved.*